

REMARKS

Claims 3, 9, 16, 21, 22, 26 and 28 incorporate amendments authorized in a telephone interview with Thomas Coester on August 30, 2006 and subsequently listed in the Examiner's Amendment mailed September 11, 2006. Moreover, Claim 7 is amended to remove indefiniteness of the claimed element "pre-boot environment" by replacing "the" with "a." Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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